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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2003, now due to expire September 11, 2003, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on December 11, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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